

No. 10!



Camp Louisa Blair
Near Fredericksburg Va. Jan 28. 1863

My Dear Wife Hattie

How do you do to Day
I am well and feeling first rate I am kneeling
up on Bys Bunk (By Bys is my ^{one of} sergeant's thing) making
Cross Tracks to my Hattie it is a very disagreea-
ble Day a wet snow worse than Rain so if a fellow
goes out at all he will get wet although he was
out in a Rain I have had to be out some but
haunt got very wet yet I put on my Overcoat &
Rubber Blanket so I keep Dry the Boys that are
on Guard have a rather hard time of it Sammy
is on Guard to day he has to stand two hours
and then has four off that is the way all have.
to stand Guard always I tell some of the Boys
that they will want when they get home to work
two hours on and two off but I guess that
there wont be much work did for a while there
will be a good deal of visiting I think your
Hub will do a little I will stand two hours and
twenty four off what do you think Miss Hattie
it is growing colder I think so perhaps the snow
will stop I hope so at least for it is so unpleas-
ant getting about. it keeps us in the mud and
our world is wet and in fact every thing else

we are expecting to be paid off to day a
little we only get paid until the 31st of Oct
leave back almost three months pay nearly
\$60 for me due I dont know why we dont
get more now but it will come by and by
I suppose I have figured on mine and I belie
ve I will get \$33.66. if I do I guess I will
send you \$30. I have \$15. Now so I can get
along well enough when I get paid and
I send the money I will write you and let
you know how much I send and who by
I intend now to send by Peter Ingalls some
are sending by Dr Porter but Peter can fetch
the money right up to you and I tell him he
can take Fran with you. he has just come in
the Shamty & I tell him I will tell you to have
the table set all ready it pleased him a consid
erable he says you can just get up a good
meal and so do I Miss Fattie Peter comes
in my tent quite often he seems to enjoy
himself first rate I have had some good visits
with him since he has been here. he will start
for home he thinks about day after tomorrow
but cant tell certain if the storm continues
he wont probably go as soon I think I shall
send a pair of Pants Home a pair of drawers and
perhaps my soap cant the one I drew in Jackson
it has got so small I cant wear it it squeezes

like every thing the coat has shrunk I guess
I know I havnt Squelled at overate that is so
you neednt smile now Hattie I dont. I got a
Coat of Andrew this morning a nice one he could
nt wear it it is so large it sets on me good I
till you and it is a much better piece of cloth
than the one I drew at Jackson and you know
that was good better than nine tenths of the
Coats that were drawn I may trade my old one
with Andrew it looks well yet but if I dont
trade I shall give Andrew credit for the coat
and charge myself with it but I shall try
and trade I will give him \$2. to but if
I cant with out you know he owes me the two
dollars I had lent him a dollar two different
times. and that will be a good trade the coat
is worth \$6.75 such a coat would be worth \$10.
at home I guess I shall send to Washington and
get a new set of Buttons larger ones and better
ones. I drew a Blouse the other day but
I guess I will let one of the Boys in the comp
have it and give myself credit and charge
them with it By got him a coat the other
day which was about as good as mine now
if the other two Seargents can get them a good
one a piece then my Squad will be fixed up
well By Porter & Forank Halbert are fine fellows

they are the married ones I tell you that is.
we will have some good visits up there and
them and their wife at our house we are
going to include Alice Bush in the number of
the company our other Chum Ed. Adams says he
is going to be one of the number and we say yes
to it now but when he is out we all say we
rather guess not he is too much like Hugh
we don't like him at all. he is lazy he hates to
get his share of the wind and water but we
hussle him through once and a while the other
Boys are in hand every time we have good
times us three once and while we blueguard him
a little he gets mad but that don't do him any
good he is a long sort of fellow we call him
Tango some of the time it makes him spunky some
Okarra hasn't got here yet some day he has
come but I guess not - atenurate I haven't seen any
thing of him yet - I wouldn't mind if he was
here but still we have a plenty of Butter and
dried fruit yet - but I want some of my Mother's
I believe you can beat the fruit - ~~John~~ we have
got here. Andrew is doing well and so is Jimmy
Hawkins Sammy More is well as common he felt a
little under the weather this morning Jimmy Anderson
is getting so he can walk around first rate the
rest of the Boys are well I guess I will close for
this time so good Bye give my best regards to all hands
and write to me and let me know of anything. goodbye
Love and kisses lots and lots your Hub J. W. McKim
My wife H. R. McKim

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Jan. 28, 1863 Camp Louis Blair near Fredericksburg, Va.
Cold, wet, snow, mud. Guard duty 2 hours on,
4 hours off. Has \$60 pay coming since Oct. 31st
Expects to send \$30 by Peter Dugells. Mentions
By Parter & Frels Halber, Ed. Adams, Elie
Bush, Jimmy Hawkins, Samy Moore, Jimmy
Hulson

